

**A RESOLUTION**

**08- R-1229**

**BY: COUNCILMEMBER JIM MADDOX**

**A RESOLUTION URGING COMPANIES HOLDING CONTRACTS WITH THE CITY TO VOLUNTARILY REDUCE THE COMPENSATION AUTHORIZED UNDER THEIR CONTRACTS AS A MEANS TO ASSIST THE CITY IN ITS EFFORTS TO BALANCE THE CITY BUDGET; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City is in the midst of an unprecedented \$140,000,000.00 shortfall in the projected 2009 General Fund Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, City departments and staff have made substantial cuts in efforts to reduce the proposed 2009 City Budget ; and

**WHEREAS**, for the year ending 2007 there were more than 200 City contracts with values over \$500,000.00, totaling \$903,890,508.67; and

**WHEREAS**, the highest contract is for \$65,000,000; the lowest contract is for \$500,000 and one company has the highest value in contracts (6) with the City totaling \$162,732,003.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to urge those companies currently holding contracts with the City to voluntarily reduce the value of the contract without reducing services to be provided under the contract in an effort to assist in balancing the 2009 City Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, if all companies voluntarily participate, a 10% reduction in the amount of the referenced contracts would equal a savings of \$90 million; a 15% reduction in total contract value would equal a savings of \$136 million and a 16% reduction would equal a cost savings of \$142 million.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES**, to urge those companies currently holding contracts with the City to voluntarily reduce the value of their contracts without reducing the services to be provided under the contract, in an effort to assist the City in balancing the proposed 2009 Budget.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Municipal Clerk shall provide a copy of this resolution to the Procurement Chief for dissemination to City contractors with other notifications routinely provided to City contractors.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that any legislation in conflict with this resolution is hereby waived to the extent of the conflict.